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An unsettled start to the week with wind and rain warnings in force

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It will be an unsettled start to the week across the UK, with National Severe Weather Warnings for wind and rain in place.

Friday and Saturday saw Storm Éowyn bring very strong winds and heavy rain to parts of the UK. The highest gust of 100mph at Drumalbin in Scotland was the eleventh highest maximum gust since the Met Office started naming storms in 2015. More than 100,000 properties were left without power, with further disruption caused by road and rail closures, fallen trees and damage to buildings.

Saturday saw Storm Éowyn clear away from the UK, before another low-pressure system moved in on Sunday. The system was named as Storm Herminia by the Spanish Meteorological Service, with more significant impacts expected in Spain and France. The system did not meet the criteria to be named by the Met Office's storm naming group, which includes Met Eireann and KNMI.

Yellow warnings for rain and wind are in currently in place across Wales and much of southern England covering Monday into Tuesday. The rain warning for parts of Wales does not end until 21:00 on Tuesday.

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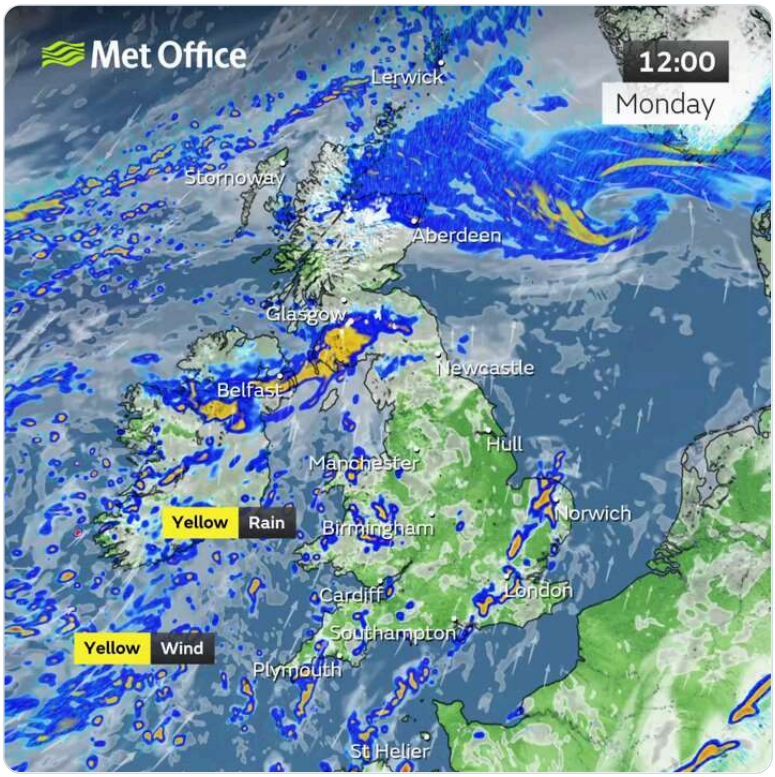
Heavy, blustery showers will spread across southern England and Wales this afternoon, with a few rumbles of thunder at times ⛈️

Sunny spells will develop in between the showers 🌤️

Showery outbreaks of rain also spreading across the north with lighter winds 🌦️



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Met Office Chief Meteorologist Frank Saunders said: “A deep area of low pressure brought further strong winds, heavy rain and some thunderstorms to the south of the UK on Sunday. This system stays around for much of Monday and Monday night, bringing further bands of blustery showers, especially to the south before slowly easing on Tuesday. With the ground already wet, further flooding impacts, which will primarily affect road traffic, are possible. Additional hazards could include further lightning strikes and hail making road conditions dangerous.

“Strong winds will also affect southern parts of England and Wales through Monday and at first on Tuesday, with gusts of up to 60 or 70mph possible near the coasts in the far southwest, and around 50mph possible inland especially near to the heaviest showers. The strong winds will also gradually ease from the west on Tuesday. Temperatures will be close to the seasonal average but feeling colder than this in the strong and gusty winds in the south.”

Storm Herminia will move away from the UK by Wednesday, bringing a day of sunny spells and showers, which could be thundery in the north and wintry on the hills. We also need to keep an eye on an area of heavy rain crossing France and the English Channel, although at present this looks like just grazing southern coastal counties of England.

A quieter spell from Thursday

A quieter spell of weather is expected to arrive from Thursday, as a ridge of high pressure crosses the UK bringing a drier, brighter and less windy day for all.

Met Office Deputy Chief Meteorologist Chris Almond said: “Most areas will be dry with sunny spells on Thursday, although there’s the risk of some freezing fog patches at first. Cloud, outbreaks of rain and hill snow will spread to the northwest by the end of the day, and Friday will see a cloudy day in the south, with some sunshine further north, before the next band of cloud and rain arrives in the northwest later. Overall though, rainfall amounts will be lower than of late.”

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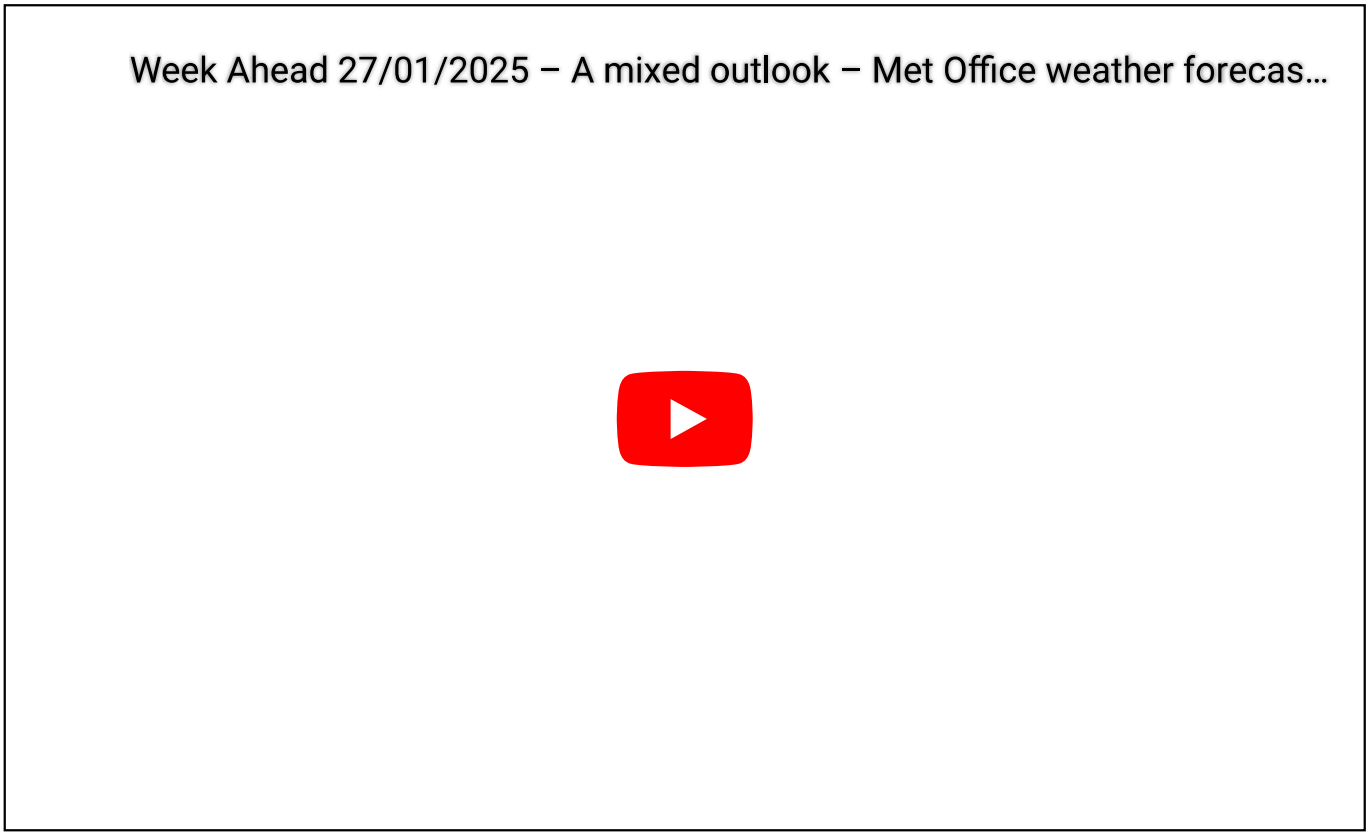

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